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SUBJECT: MEXICO AND NORTH KOREA

1. IN OUR LENGTHY REVIEW OF SUBJECTS MARCH 9, I ASKED ROEL ABOUT RUMORS THAT MEXICO MIGHT BE CONSIDERING RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA IN ADDITION TO MAINTAINING ITS RELATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA. ROEL SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY MEXICAN CONSIDERATION OF RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA, ADDING THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SYMPATHETIC TO ANY SUCH ACTION. HE CITED THE NORTH KOREAN ACTION IN TRAINING MEXICAN GUERRILLAS IN LATE 1969, WHICH HAD BROUGHT OUT MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S INTENSE RESENTMENT OF PYONGYANG'S INDISCRETION AND HOSTILITY.

2. HE ASKED WHAT VIEWS USG HAD ON THIS QUESTION. I POINTED OUT THAT, AS FAR AS I WAS AWARE, NONE OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAD ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH THE ROK, SO THERE APPEARED LITTLE REASON FOR NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO MOVE FROM THE RANKS OF THOSE WHO RECOGNIZED ONLY THE ROK INTO THE LIST OF THOSE WHO RECOGNIZED BOTH. LUCEY

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